

12-28-05

Attendees

Lana Tobin  
Bonita Mattingly  
Herb Gordon  
Lisa Bowles  
Leslie Rowland  
Melinda Berry  
David Galloway  
Connie Branch  
Susan Lesko  
Judge Robert Arthur  
Judge William Weikert  
George Ann Gogel  
Mary Alice Manley

MINUTES

Regional Service Council  
12-16-05

Introductions held. Discussed what services will be utilized during next couple of months. RSC protocol working draft was passed out to all members present. Council has determined that open door policies must be followed for meetings.

Our membership is short one judge. The judges agreed to talk to the others.

The council will make the decision on what services are needed. Need to set service standards which should be the same for all seven counties (so no one is left out.)

Ireland & Luzio realizes they need to make themselves known to all counties in our region. Other providers will want to do the same. Discussion held as to the best way to handle this. Discussion on service standards; do you want to have 5 or 6 services that each county has? There is a need to come up with standards that all 7 counties have. Most of our counties already offer the same services but not all have a variety of providers to choose from so this will allow more variety. The council has the authority to not approve a service.

Director Lesko reviewed funding streams available. State of IN has all different kinds of funding streams. Providers will submit proposals, then Dodson & Shively Associates will review for any missing information. The DCS office will have to score the proposals to determine which ones are the best to meet needs of the region and the RSC will vote to approve or disapprove selections.

There is only one provider in Martin County, so this may get providers to cover more counties. It does not mean that a provider will have to cover all seven counties but if they do and it appears to be the best then that may be voted in. If not all seven, but the best that's ok too.

Effective 9-1-06 community partner services will be changing. Voluntary services will not be handled by our offices. We will be contracting with an agency to provide these services through community partners for child safety.

Specific Outcomes:

Director and Supervisor will monitor the contracts. Each service will have to be scored. It will be decided as a region on how to do this.

Services we would like at this time:

1. In home therapy
2. Supervised visits
3. Individual counseling
4. Family counseling
5. Respite care
6. Transitional services
7. Financial services
8. Parenting classes thru Southern Hills but you must be a client. Some people do not want to become a client of Southern Hills.
9. Post adoption
10. Family preservation

When new DCS standards are in place, the new #'s for workers case load will be 17 cases. Workers will be doing their own supervised visits and will be able to work directly with families.

#### QUESTIONS RAISED BY TEAM MEMBERS:

Some counties are using co-parenting mediation. Different service options were discussed. What services should we be looking for in the coming months on our proposals.

What duties does the council serve?

1. More services for our money
2. More services for our region

Set next meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 8:00 am at Dubois County DCS.

Public invited.

Next meeting agenda.

